GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:396
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SATELLITES` INSURANCE
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government insures every satellite that ISRO launches from foreign stations;

(b) if so, whether such satellites launched from India are not insured;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the recent failure of INSAT-4C has cost the Government Rs.246 crores due to non-insurance; and

(e) if so, the future strategy adopted/proposed to be adopted by the Government to insure such Satellites launched from within the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) , (b), (c), (d), & (e) Sir, a statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.396 REGARDING `SATELLITES` INSURANCE` ASKED BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI AND SHRIMATI MANORAMA MADHAVARAJ FOR ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2006.

(a) Experimental Satellites, Aryabhata, Bhaskara I and Bhaskara II and APPLE were launched during 1975-81 without any cost to ISRO and were not insured.

In addition, during 1988-95, three IRS satellites, IRS-1A, IRS-1B and IRS-1C, launched from USSR at concessional rates, were not insured.

All other satellites launched from abroad are being insured.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The cost of insurance is high and taking into account the relatively low failure rate of launchers, ISRO has taken a decision not to insure satellites launched from India.

(d) The cost of INSAT-4C satellite is Rs.96 crores and the cost of launch is Rs.150 crores making a total of Rs.246 crores.

(e) The policy of non-insurance of satellites launched from India would continue and this policy would be reviewed if there is a major change in economics associated with insurance.